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PLEADING CYCLE EXTENDED FOR PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT TO AT&T FROM CLUB 42 OF TWO LOWER 700 MHZ LICENSES

WT Docket No. 14-145

Extended Petitions to Deny Deadline:

October 17, 2014

Extended Oppositions Deadline:

October 27, 2014

November 3, 2014

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau" or "WTB") extends the pleading cycle in the above-captioned proceeding. On September 8, 2014, the Bureau released a Public Notice, DA 14-1288, announcing the acceptance of applications and establishing a pleading cycle regarding the proposed assignment of licenses and authorizations to AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC ("AT&T") from Club 42CM Limited Partnership ("Club 42").\(^1\) The *Public Notice* explained that the Bureau, in reviewing the proposed transaction, would treat a proposed increase in below-1-GHz spectrum holdings held by the acquiring entity as an "enhanced factor" and would evaluate whether the public interest benefits "clearly outweigh" the potential harms, pursuant to the *Mobile Spectrum Holdings Report and Order*.\(^2\) On September 22, 2014, the Bureau sent letters to AT&T and Club 42 requesting the submission of written responses and supporting documentation by October 6, 2014, to specific inquiries related to the proposed transaction.\(^3\) On September 29, 2014, the Competitive Carriers Association ("CCA") requested a seven business-day extension of the pleading deadlines.\(^4\) CCA contends that, with responses to the *Information Requests* due two days before the initial pleading deadline, parties intending to participate in the pleading cycle should be allowed more time for review of the information and documents to be submitted by AT&T and Club 42.\(^5\)

¹ AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC and Club 42CM Limited Partnership Seek FCC Consent to the Assignment of Two Lower 700 MHz Licenses, *Public Notice*, DA 14-1288 (rel. Sept. 8, 2014) ("*Public Notice*").

² Public Notice at 2, citing Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, WT Docket No. 12-269, GN Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 29 FCC 6133, 6240 ¶¶ 286-88 (rel. June 2, 2014) ("Mobile Spectrum Holdings Report and Order").

³ See Letter from Roger C. Sherman, Chief, WTB, to Michael P. Goggin, AT&T, WT Docket No. 14-145 (Sept. 22, 2014); Letter from Roger C. Sherman, Chief, WTB, to Puneet Wadhwa, Club 42, WT Docket No. 14-145 (Sept. 22, 2014) ("Information Requests").

⁴ Motion for Extension of Time of the Competitive Carriers Association, WT Docket No. 14-145 (filed Sept. 29, 2014).

⁵ Neither AT&T nor Club 42 have filed an opposition to CCA's request.

As set forth in section 1.46(a) of the Commission's rules, the Commission's policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Under the circumstances presented here, however, we believe that granting CCA's request would facilitate the development of a full record. Accordingly, we extend the pleading dates as shown above.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.